

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 28 of page 9 as follows:

Thus, the determination of percent identity between any two sequences can be accomplished using a mathematical algorithm. One preferred, non-limiting example of a mathematical algorithm utilized for the comparison of sequences is the algorithm of Myers and Miller (1988) *Comput. Appl. Biosci.* 4:11-7. Such an algorithm is utilized in the ALIGN program (version 2.0), which is part of the GCG alignment software package. A PAM120 weight residue table, a gap length penalty of 12, and a gap penalty of 4 can be used with the ALIGN program when comparing amino acid sequences. Another preferred, non-limiting example of a mathematical algorithm for use in comparing two sequences is the algorithm of Karlin and Altschul (1990) *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 87:5873-5877, modified as in Karlin and Altshcul (1993) *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci USA* 90:5873-5877. Such an algorithm is incorporated into the NBLAST and XBLAST programs of Altschul *et al.* (1990) *J. Mol. Biol.* 215:403-410. BLAST amino acid sequence searches can be performed with the XBLAST program, score = 50, wordlength = 3, to obtain amino acid sequence similar to the polypeptide of interest. To obtain gapped alignments for comparison purposes, gapped BLAST can be utilized as described in Altschul *et al.* (1997) *Nucleic Acids Res.* 25:3389-3402. Alternatively, PSI-BLAST can be used to perform an interated search that detects distant relationships between molecules. See Altschul *et al.* (1997) *supra*. When utilizing BLAST, gapped BLAST, or PSI-BLAST programs, the default parameters can be used. See www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>. Also see the ALIGN program (Dayhoff (1978) in *Atlas of Protein Sequence and Structure* 5:Suppl. 3, National Biomedical Research Foundation, Washington, D.C.) and programs in the Wisconsin Sequence Analysis Package, Version 8 (available from Genetics Computer Group, Madison, Wisconsin), for example, the GAP program, where default parameters of the programs are utilized.